

Midnight accident

Just before midnight one dark and stormy night, a man called John Smith, an engine mechanic, was sitting in an isolated cabin in the woods. As he reached for a cigarette, he noticed he had only one left. Glancing at his watch, he realized that he had just enough time to hop in his car, and drive to the gas station down the road to buy cigarettes before it closed. As John pulled out of his lane and onto the highway in his car, it was hit by his neighbour, who had been drinking and was unable to stop his car soon enough on the icy road. Smith was killed instantly. Later, as the townspeople were discussing the sad event, they shook their heads one after another and said, “We always knew smoking would kill John.” It is worth noting that local officials had long been warned of the dangers of that part of the highway, especially in winter, and yet they seemed uninterested in doing anything about it. Apparently the residents of that part of the town did not have any influence with local authorities. Others claimed that the neighbour who smashed into John had been charged with drinking and driving earlier in the year. They suggested that stronger penalties for drinking and driving should be in place. Others wondered if liquor laws had been more faithfully enforced in the town whether the neighbour would have consumed as much alcohol.

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Goat, Canucks, Goat

Joel Nagtegaal is a long-suffering Vancouver Canucks fan with a big heart. In April 2009, Nagtegaal and his friends decided to grow beards during the NHL playoffs. The beards soon became goatees and the great goat challenge was born.

Nagtegaal and ten of his friends pledged to buy a goat for a village in Kenya every time the Canucks won a playoff game. Their vision was 16 goats by the time the Canucks had the Stanley Cup in hand. Well, the Canucks did not win the cup but the villagers in Kenya were the true winners.

Nagtegaal and his friends went public with their plan by creating a Facebook page. After transforming the “Go, Canucks, Go” chant to “Goat, Canucks, Goat,” the campaign hit the internet and took off. The number of Facebook members quickly grew to 425, and continued to grow. The goat-o-meter soon soared to 125. Nagtegaal and his friends created an official website that received 8,500 hits within days. Unfortunately, the Canucks managed only six playoff wins, but fans donated \$17,000—enough to buy 684 goats.

The villagers in Kenya are grateful for the goats. Goats are easy to take care of and eat almost anything. They multiply quickly. The villagers use the milk to feed their children and they sell the baby goats to pay their school fees.

The villagers predict the Canucks will have better luck next time. They will pray for them to win the Stanley Cup.

Consequences

	Immediate consequences	Delayed consequences
Intended consequences		
Unintended consequences		

Sources: <http://canucks.nhl.com/club/news.htm?id=453621>

<http://www.cbc.ca/canada/british-columbia/story/2009/05/14/bc-vancouver-canucks-goats-africa-kenya>

Sorting events

Incident: Cinderella and the Prince marry

Sort the cards into two categories: events before the incident, events after the incident

Sort the "before" events into two categories: causes, preceding events

Sort the "after" events into two categories: consequences, subsequent events

Cinderella is mistreated by her stepmother and stepsisters.

Cinderella is not allowed to go to the ball.

The fairy godmother magically makes Cinderella a gown and carriage so she can go to the ball, but she warns Cinderella that she must be home by midnight.

Cinderella meets the Prince at the ball.

The Prince and Cinderella dance.

The Prince is smitten by Cinderella's beauty and charm.

Cinderella runs away from the ball at midnight before the magic spell runs out, but she loses her glass slipper as she runs away.

The Prince discovers that Cinderella's foot is the only one in his kingdom that will fit the glass slipper.

The stepsisters were astonished to find out Cinderella was the beautiful princess.

The Prince and Cinderella live happily ever after.

Cinderella is freed from the cruel treatment of her stepmother and stepsisters.

The old King dies and the Prince is crowned King.

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